(b) The total number of telephone exchanges in Madras Telecom. Circle (Madras Telephone District) is 38. The list of proposed exchanges to be set in the near future are:

1.	Adyar II	E-10B	7000 lines
2.	Anna Nagar II	AXE	6000 lines
3.	Mambalam	RSU	8000 lines
4.	Kalmandapam	RSU	8000 lines
5.	Mylapore	RSU	8000 lines
6.	R.K. Nagar	RSU	4000 lines
7.	Khivraj Bldg.	RSU	4000 lines
8.	St. Thomas Mt..	RSU	2000 lines
9.	Anna Road	RLU	2000 lines
10.	Koyambedu	RLU	1500 lines
11.	Chromepet	RLU	1500 lines
12.	Avadi	RLU	900 lines

(c) Net operating income, year-wise:

1989-90	Rs. 122 crores
1990-91	Rs. 156 crores
1991-92	Rs. 188 crores

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) As per 8th Five Year Plan objective, the waiting period for telephone connections is to be reduced to two years in large telephone system and telephones practically on demand in rural/tribal areas by the end of the 8th Plan period (92-97). The expansion of the exchanges are being planned to meet the above objective.

Seed post service in the country

90. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL. *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new centres of the states which are linked-up with the speed post in National Speed Post Net within 500 Km. and beyond in next point chart I (CB);

(b) whether Government propose appoint private representatives of s post on commission basis in view of expansion programme of speed service;

(c) whether reply speed post servi under consideration of the Goverm and

(d) what is the progress report of post in comparison with other pr courier services in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICAT (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) During th 3 years i.e. from 1.4.90, new Speed

Centres have been set up at the following places Statewise.

Kerala	Trichur
Punjab	Jalandhar, Ludhiana
Haryana	Faridabad
West Bengal	Howrah

All the speed post centres in the National Network are linked to one another without distance restriction and no distinction is made based on distance except for the purpose of tariffs.

(b) and (c) No Sir, Not at present.

(d) Since the inception of the Service in 1986, Speed Post has registered a growth of 600 per cent in terms of articles handled and 910 per cent in terms of revenue earned by the Department. The Department has no authentic information regarding the corresponding figures in respect of private courier services.

Electronic exchanges in Gujarat

91. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Gujarat where Electronic Telephone Exchanges of ten thousand lines are proposed to be set up; and

(b) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Electronic exchanges of ten thousand lines capacity are proposed to be set up at Ahmedabad, Surat and Baroda.

(b) One ten thousand lines exchange at Ahmedabad was commissioned in June 1993. Two exchanges each of 10,000 lines are likely to be commissioned at Surat and Baroda during the current year (1993-94).

Testing of latest Swedish technology for telecommunication

92. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the year-long testing of the latest Swedish technology for installation in Mylapore and Anna Nagar in Madras city still continues and will be further delayed due to technical reasons;

(b) whether the Madras Telephone Department has sought a special allocation of 20,000 lines of new generation digital electronic switching equipment from technologies validated elsewhere in the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the demands of the Madras Telephone Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir, all the tests to be conducted prior to loading (cutover) of the exchange have been completed.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) 33,200 new connections are proposed to be provided during 1993-94.

Time limit imposed on calls

93. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone subscribers are over-charged be-